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The attached validity study of NIE 13-56, "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1960," published 5 January 1956, was noted by the IAC on 19 March 1957 (IAC-M-281, 19 March 1957, item 6 c).

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1. NIE 13-56 was a study of Chinese Communist capabilities and probable courses of action from 1955 through 1960. As of the end of 1956 the general conclusions and estimates appear to be still valid.

2. NIE 13-56 did not anticipate the rapidity with which the regime would institute agrarian collectivization, or that such a sweeping undertaking could be accomplished without initial widespread peasant resistance or a serious fall in agricultural output. However, the new collectives have not been fully tested and despite its improving control mechanisms, potential peasant dissatisfaction remains a problem, particularly in case of poor harvests.

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